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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Patent Application of : Group Art Unit: 1644  
Skurkovich *et al.* :  
Appln. No.: 09/487,979 : Examiner: Amy Decloux  
Filed: January 20, 2000 : Attorney Docket  
For: TREATMENT OF AUTOIMMUNE : No. 053663-5001-09  
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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants in the above-captioned application hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to and including February 28, 2002, for responding to the Office Action mailed August 28, 2001. A response to the Office Action accompanies this Petition.

Three-Month Petition for Extension of Time fees in the amount of \$460.00 is authorized to be charged to our firm's Deposit Account No. 50-0310. One additional copy of this paper is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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